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For: HYDROGENATION METHOD FOR
PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE
ALCOHOLS OR CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

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to US 5,731,479; WO 2004022522 is the counterpart to US2006/116521; WO 9938613 is the counterpart to US 6,376,414; WO 9938824 is the counterpart to 6,355,848 and WO 9938838 is the counterpart to 6,310,254.

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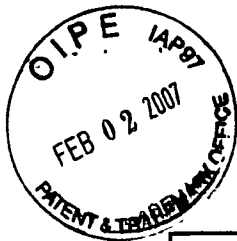
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